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1. [REDACTED] after the Communists took Hainan that they were planting rubber "everywhere" on the island. By "everywhere" I assume that he meant wherever rice could not be grown -- probably on sunny hillsides where it was rocky and on land which would otherwise have been wasteland. There had been a few rubber plantations on the west side of the island for some time, as I remember seeing some [REDACTED]. The Nationalists had confiscated some of these before the Communists took the island.
2. Rubber grows well on Hainan, in fact I have heard that the quality is better than that grown in Malaya. Winters are cooler on Hainan than in Malaya, and this is apparently better for growing rubber. The Hainanese rubber is reportedly tougher than that grown in Malaya.

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